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Letter dated 5 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to draw the attention of the Security Council to the fact that, since 31 March 2016, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has been generating electronic jamming signals that dangerously affect the Global Positioning System (GPS) in the Republic of Korea. The signals have been coming from five regions in the northern side of the Military Demarcation Line on the Korean Peninsula — Haeju, Yonan, Pyonggang, Kumgang and Kaesong.

The GPS jamming by DPRK is an act of provocation that poses a threat to the security of the Republic of Korea and undermines the safety of civil transportation, including aircraft and vessels. It is also a clear violation of the 1953 Korean Armistice Agreement, as well as relevant international agreements, including the International Telecommunication Union Constitution, article 45 of which bans harmful interference to the radio services or communications of other Member States.

The Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Korea issued a warning statement on 1 April 2016, urging DPRK to immediately terminate the interference. On the same day, the Military Armistice Commission of the United Nations Command also sent a message to DPRK calling for an immediate cessation of GPS jamming. Nevertheless, DPRK has not ended its GPS jamming as at today.

The Government of the Republic of Korea strongly urges DPRK to stop its GPS jamming without further delay and to refrain from any other acts of provocation which undermine peace and security in the Korean Peninsula.

I would be grateful if you could circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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